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SUBJECT: FRG STATEMENT REGARDING TRIAL OF SOVIET  
DISSIDENTS AND GDR NICO HUEBNER DECISION

1. AT THE FRG PRESS CONFERENCE AFTERNOON JULY 10,  
SPOKESMAN KLAUS BOELLING DELIVERED A PREPARED STATEMENT  
CONCERNING THE NICO HUEBNER CASE AND FOLLOWED WITH  
A STATEMENT CONCERNING THE TRIAL OF THE SOVIET  
DISSIDENTS.

2. TEXT OF STATEMENT ABOUT HEUBNER IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE SENTENCE AGAINST THIS YOUNG MAN IS QUITE  
OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED TO SET A POLITICAL EXAMPLE. THIS  
IS DOCUMENTED BY THE SEVERITY OF THE PUNISHMENT ALONE.  
BEYOND THAT, I THINK THE SENTENCE NEEDS NO FURTHER  
CHARACTERIZATION FOR IT IS A SELF-REVEALING ACT OF THOSE  
WHO FEEL THAT SUCH A SENTENCE IS NECESSARY. WHAT IS  
IMPORTANT, IT SEEMS TO ME NOW AS SO OFTEN IN THE PAST,  
IS THAT WE CONCENTRATE ON THE POSSIBILITIES TO DO  
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SOMETHING FOR THE PRACTICAL HUMANITARIAN SOLUTION.  
NATURALLY, WE DO NOT OVERLOOK THE FACT THAT THE SENTENCE  
AGAINST NICO HUEBNER HAS A SPECIAL BERLIN ASPECT, NAMELY  
THE EXTENT TO WHICH GDR COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING  
LEGISLATION IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE FOUR-POWER STATUS OF  
BERLIN. IN THIS CONTEXT I REFER YOU TO, OR REMIND YOU  
OF, THE STATEMENT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE THREE

WESTERN POWERS -- A STATEMENT IN WHICH THE THREE POWERS  
REAFFIRMED THEIR VIEWS THAT THE FOUR-POWER STATUS  
INVARIABLY APPLIES TO BERLIN AS A WHOLE, AND NOBODY HAS  
ENTERTAINED ANY DOUBT THAT OUR OPINION ON THIS IS  
IDENTICAL. END QUOTE

3. BOELLING WAS PREPARED TO REPLY TO A QUESTION  
REGARDING THE MOSCOW TRAIL OF THE TWO DISSIDENTS, AND  
DID SO. HE STATED THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AS  
CO-SIGNER OF THE FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI, CONSIDERS  
ITSELF AUTHORIZED "TO EXPRESS ITS CONCERN THAT TO AN  
INCREASING EXTENT IN THE RECENT PAST MEASURES HAVE BEEN  
TAKEN AGAINST CITIZENS OF THE SOVIET UNION, THE CSSR  
AS WELL AS AGAINST THOSE OF THE GDR WHO CLAIM FOR  
THEMSELVES THE RIGHT OF FREEDOM OF OPINION AND  
CONSCIENCE." FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONCERN IS FURTHER  
HEIGHTENED BY THE FACT (BOELLINGSAID) THAT THE WORK  
OF A GERMAN CORRESPONDENT IN PRAGUE HAS BEEN MADE  
IMPOSSIBLE RECENTLY AND THAT UNTENABLE REPROACHES HAVE  
BEEN LEVELED AGAINST WEST GERMAN CORRESPONDENTS IN THE  
GDR. THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASIZE THAT IN BELGRADE THE  
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS SUPPORTED WITH DETERMINATION THE  
CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ROLE OF THE  
INDIVIDUAL. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS  
ACTING IN CONSONANCE WITH THIS VIEW WHEN IT NOW POINTS  
OUT WITH EMPHASIS THAT THE FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI GRANTS  
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EACH INDIVIDUAL THE RIGHT "TO STAND UP FOR THE  
REALIZATION (OF THE ACT) IN REGARD TO HIS OWN  
GOVERNMENT AS WELL."  
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